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Terri Sasser
2004-2005 President

Message from the President

Terri Sasser, MPHA President

As 2004 draws to a close, my term as your President is just beginning. Thank you all for selecting me to serve as your leader this year; I promise to do my best to advance the Association as well as help provide an informative and entertaining annual meeting.

We held our first planning meeting November 18. We have an active year planned; stay tuned to these newsletters and to our web site (www.msdh.state.ms.us/mpha) for more information. Expect some proposed changes to the Constitution as well as more information regarding Public Health Week in April

If you have any questions or suggestions throughout the year, please call at 601-576-7134, or E-mail at tsasser@msdh.state.ms.us. I look forward to working with you all this year.

Think Nominations!

Vernesia Wilson, Awards Chair

Each year, MPHA recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of public health through a variety of awards. It's not too early to start thinking about nominations for 2005 Awards.

This year, we plan to highlight the winners of prestige awards – Underwood, Cobb, and John Vic Bailey – with a slide show of their accomplishments. We also plan to do more toward honoring the section award winners.

The official nomination forms will be available early 2005, and I would like to encourage all of you to begin discussing your nominations now. There are so many deserving recipients of these awards. If you've nominated a deserving person before who didn't win, please do so again.

There's no limit to how many times a person may be nominated!

2004 Annual Meeting Provides Rewarding Results

Roger Riley, MPHA Past President

It was my honor to serve as the 2004 MPHA President. This year 405 MPHA conference attendees were treated to both an educational and an entertaining conference. The conference kicked off with Dr. Georges Benjamin, APHA President, who helped set the tone while MSDH favorite Amy Whitten, JD, closed out the day.

Conference attendees rated the Thursday workshop speakers very highly; commented that they enjoyed visiting with their peers and co-workers in the relaxed atmosphere that Casino Magic offered; and stated the food was some of the best served at a conference. The Thursday night dance was very well attended.

The conference closed with a dynamic speaker, Larry Krysk, who's presentation "Creating Your Finest Hour" based upon Winston Churchill's life was enlightening and motivational.

To the MPHA Executive, Standing and Ad Hoc committees thank you for a job well done! This conference could not have been such a huge success without your contributions. At the close of the conference, several attendees said the keys to a successful conference were good speakers, good food, and good entertainment, and that we delivered on all three. For me, the culmination of the 67th Annual MPHA conference was serving as your President. This was my "finest hour," and as the conference theme suggested it was a truly rewarding result. Again, thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

2005 Annual Meeting Sept. 21-23 "Stepping Into A Healthy Future"

The 2005 Annual Meeting will once again be held in Bay St. Louis at the Casino Magic Hotel and Conference Center. The meeting will be held September 21-23, 2005, and the theme "Stepping Into A Healthy Future" will focus on what we can do to improve our own health, and how we can share that knowledge with the people we work with and provide care for as part of our work as public health professionals. Stay tuned to this newsletter and our web site for more information.

Stepping Through the Decades

Kay Walker, Entertainment Chair

Don your favorite dancing duds from your favorite dancing generation and join us as we shake a leg, swivel a hip, bust a move, and twist and shout at the Thursday night dance of MPHA. Prizes! Fun! Potential for embarrassing and possibly blackmail-inducing photography! Stay tuned for more details...

Membership Drive

Saundra Hill, Registration Chair

Join MPHA early this year and earn a free registration to the Annual Meeting in September! MPHA will reward two members who join before June 1, 2005, with free registration to the Annual Meeting. The names will be selected randomly after the closing date.

2005 Officers and Section Leaders

PresidentTerri Sasser
President-ElectDiane Hargrove
SecretaryJean Grantham Lawes
TreasurerPam Miles
APHA DelegateHelen Moss
ClericalMalinda Armstrong
Environmental HealthTim Butts
EpidemiologyTerry Cousin
Health AdministrationKathy Moon
MD/NPPeggy Oakes
NutritionKathy Prentice
NursingDebbie Lewers
Social WorkGwendolyn Winters

Mississippi Public Health Association Membership Application

☐ Renewal ☐ New Membership

Health Dept. Employee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

(Position / Title) (Organization)

Address: _____
(Preferred Mailing Address/Street/Post Office)

Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Section Affiliation : (Choose One)

☐ Clerical ☐ Environmental Health
☐ Epidemiology ☐ Health Administration
☐ MD/NP ☐ Nutrition
☐ Nursing ☐ Social Work

Note: Your section dues, if any, are payable directly to your section treasurer. DO NOT send your section dues with this form.

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Annual Membership dues: \$12 _____
Dues for Retiree: \$6 _____
Dues for Student: \$5 _____
Tax Deductible Contribution _____

Total _____

Membership Dues are non-refundable. Please make check or money order payable to **MPHA** and return with this completed application to:

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